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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT PURCHASING: DATE OF NEXT MEETING  
OF OECD WORKING PARTY

REFS: USEC BRUSSELS 4485, MTN GENEVA 3322

1. WE GET IMPRESSION FROM REFTELS THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OECD WORKING PARTY ON GOVERNMENT PURCHASING BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING OF TRADE COMMITTEE (JUNE 29-30) MIGHT BE PREMATURE GIVEN CONTINUING US-EC CONSULTATIONS. ORIGINAL HOPE OF SECRETARIAT HAD BEEN TO HOLD MEETING WEEK OF MAY 31 (SEE OECD PARIS 7016).

2. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT VIEWS ON WHEN FURTHER MEETING OF WORKING PARTY WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. WE THINK THAT LETTING TOO MUCH TIME GO BY WITHOUT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GROUP RISKS LOSING THE ATTENTION OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS NOT INVOLVED IN THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.

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3. IN ADDITION, TRADE COMMITTEE AT ITS FEB. 3-4

MEETING INSTRUCTED THE SECRETARIAT AND THE WORKING PARTY TO TAKE STOCK OF DEVELOPMENTS ARISING FROM INFORMAL CONTACTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TC. WE SUGGEST THAT IF A FULL TECHNICAL SESSION OF THE WORKING PARTY IS NOT CONSIDERED DESIRABLE SO SOON, THIS "STOCK TAKING" FUNCTION MIGHT BE PERFORMED BY A BRIEF MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY ATTENDED BY LOCAL REPS RATHER THAN OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS.  
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